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FOR: NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID PROBES, METHOD FOR DETERMINING
CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACID BY USING THE PROBES, AND
METHOD FOR ANALYZING DATA OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.